

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) sent a letter to Governor Branstad warning that the Governor's support for pending Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), including the Korea FTA, would lead to major job loss and economic downturn in Iowa. Rep. Braley's letter was a response to a letter Governor Branstad sent to Congress on Monday, calling on them to support the upcoming FTAs.

"Estimates show that the Korea Free Trade Agreement could lead to the loss of more than 5,000 manufacturing jobs and hurt the agricultural industry to the tune of \$173 million in the First District alone. That's simply unacceptable," said Rep. Braley. "Iowa has already lost tens of thousands of good-paying jobs in the past decade. We just can't afford to send thousands more of our jobs overseas. Middle class families all over our state and our country are counting on jobs being created here, not abroad."

A copy of Rep. Braley's letter is available here: <http://go.usa.gov/jJ0>